



# Turner School News



## Upcoming Events

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- ◆ 5/6 Cooba Camp
- ◆ 3/4 Birriagai Camp
- ◆ Reading Workshops

## Notes to be Returned

- ◆ Yr 5/6 Cooba Camp
- ◆ Yr 6 Leadership Shirts
- ◆ Yr 3/4 Birriagai Camp

## Link to Learning from Home Hub

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/home>

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Dear Turner Parents and Community,

Welcome to week 3. A big thank you to our executive staff and Laura Langston for the setup of our online information session and in class face to face meet the teacher session. If you haven't yet seen the online information presentation, click on the link: <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/beginning-of-year-information?authuser=0>

Our students were brilliant at last week's swimming carnival and we were thankful the weather held out! Many thanks to Nick Collins, Eddie Jenkins, the sports team and volunteers for helping to make the day a huge success!

During week 4 we will begin our extra curricula activities, including coding club, choirs and Earthlings. Please see further details in our newsletter for experiences your child can sign up for. Remember the Turner Ukulele Collective is for family and community too - I hope to see you there!

A highlight in this week's newsletter is some news about our student led parliament. Congratulations to our student leaders for the work they are leading to build on the Student Representative Council and ensure all our students have a voice in their community!

Kind regards, Allison Edmonds | Principal Turner School

## From the School Captains

Last year we had a online session about sustainability led by Dr Sophie Lewis with student leaders from schools around us. One of the schools caught their attention. Majura Primary said they had a different set up of their S.R.C.. The kids had designed and set up a school parliament instead! We consulted with kids, the SRC and teachers and we have made the decision that we would like to start our own. There will be different leaders for every role in the parliament, for example... There may be a minister and vice minister for environment and sustainability as well as others. We will be talking to classes soon about how they can be involved.

Pippit and Neil | Year 6 Captains



Information on COVID-19 in ACT Public Schools Road Map please click the below link :

[https://www.education.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/1693862/ACT-Public-Schools-in-2021-and-COVID-19-final-27012021.pdf](https://www.education.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1693862/ACT-Public-Schools-in-2021-and-COVID-19-final-27012021.pdf) Last updated on 27 January 2021

**Library News** - The library is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am for students to come and read a book. Parents, grandparents and carers, if you would like to come to the library and read with your child/children the library is open from 8:15am on the same days.

Happy Reading! Jayne Murray |Teacher Librarian



## Lines of communication:

- \* Allison Edmonds—Principal
- \* Robyn Watson —Deputy Principal
- \* Antonia McGuire —Inclusion Officer
- \* Jocelyn James — P-K Team Leader
- \* Jess Engele —Years 1-2 Team Leader
- \* Emily Gregory —Year 3-4 Team Leader
- \* Iesha Siotis—Years 5/6 Team Leader
- \* Nick Collins—Social Emotional / Literacy Officer
- \* Michelle Wootton Price —School Psychologist

- \* Deb Parr—Business Manager
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P&C Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/turnerpandc/>

## Turner School Clubs — Lunch or Recess

**Ukulele Project** will begin in Week 4 Wednesday mornings at 8:15am in the big hall on Condamine Street. We finish before the start of day bell. Anyone is welcome - from beginner to brilliant. We have students, parents, staff and community all having fun together. You can bring your own ukulele and if you don't have one, you can borrow one for the session. Hope to see you there!



**Led by Allison Edmonds**

**Year 5/6 Djembe group** starts on Wednesday lunchtime week 4 and is open to year 5/6 students. We have limited spots due to the number of djembes and will open to other year groups only if we have spaces. For any drumming adults, if you have your own full-sized djembe, you are welcome to come join us from 11-11:50am on Wednesday morning in the music room.



**Led by Allison Edmonds and Effie Logan**

**Years 3 to 6 Chess club** will start next week on Fridays at lunchtime from 11-11:50am in the Senior Hall.  
**Led by Rima Kemp**



**Year 5/6 Coding Club** in Georgia's classroom – C5. Fridays from lunch eating time, BYO class Chromebook.  
**Led by Georgia Stephens, Phil and Ivan.**



**Earthlings** is a club for anyone who loves our environment, enjoys problem solving, likes working in teams and wants to make a difference for our school. We work together to find solutions to problems and make our community a better place for everyone.



Join Laura and Flick in the library every Wednesday recess. Together, we will do great things!

Where: The library

When: Every Wednesday recess—1:30pm

**Led by Laura Langston and Felicity O'Flynn**

**Junior Choir** will begin again in week 4. Sessions will be on Wednesdays during the first half of lunch and all children in K-2 are welcome to attend. They will build a repertoire of songs over the year, many of which will be performed at assemblies, to the preschool classes and at the fete. We hope to see many familiar and new faces join us this year.



**Led by Jess Engele and Kayla Gifford**

**Senior Choir** will begin again in week 4. Sessions will be on Tuesday during the first half of lunch in the music room and all children in years 3-6 are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for students who love to sing in a choir setting and wish to build on their repertoire of songs in preparation for performances such as assemblies, community events, Limelight and Northside Spectacular. We hope to see many familiar and new faces join us this year.



**Led by Julie Mayhew and Jocelyn James**

**Turner's Pedals to the Petal club** is returning in 2021. Every recess Monday and Friday join Flick in the garden to dig, plant, weed, clean and repair. We grow plants, fix bikes, enjoy sunshine and fresh air. Come along to get your hands dirty and have some no-pressure fun.



When: 1:30pm (recess) Monday and Friday.

Where: Kitchen garden, next to the train yard. Meet at the gate.



**Led by Felicity O'Flynn**

### A Turner Highlight—Swimming Carnival



On Wednesday the 10th of February all of Turner School headed off to Dickson pool for the 2021 Swimming Carnival. Once everyone had settled into their houses, the races began. Everyone was cheering for their houses so much that you could barely even hear the announcements that were made on a loudspeaker! Not long after the juniors arrived at the pool and their fun began! Sponges were thrown, teachers splashed and you couldn't wipe the smiles of teachers and students alike. After most of the races had finished, it was the seniors turn to jump into the activities. The activities ranged from; playing in the waterpark to playing volleyball in the sand and even a game of water dodgeball! 'It was so much fun!' Students across the 3-6 were quoted shouting. At the end of the day, we had the teacher vs students relay, 4 house representatives vs 4 grown up teachers. Obviously the teachers came out on top. Back to school we all went. Wet, exhausted and a few missing pieces of clothing... but a great day had by all.

#### Eli and Somon | Year 6 Students

The P.E. committee would like to thank all the teachers and support staff for their help in organising and running such an amazing carnival. We would also like to thank all the parent volunteers that helped out on the day or offered their assistance in the lead up. Information regarding the regional carnival, in week 7, will be communicated in the coming weeks.



## P & C Update

A Special General Meeting of the Turner School P&C Association will be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021

The purpose of the meeting is to amend the constitution of the P&C ASSOCIATION TURNER SCHOOL (A01244) and to adopt new By-Laws.

We note the intention to propose a special resolution:

*The association resolves to adopt the amended constitution and new By-Laws.*

Please follow this link to view the documents [http://www.turners.act.edu.au/our\\_community/p\\_and\\_c\\_association](http://www.turners.act.edu.au/our_community/p_and_c_association)

- the previous constitution (2013)
- the proposed new constitution (2021)
- the proposed new By-Laws (2021), and
- a summary of the changes and specific amendments.

As is required by the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*, 21 days' notice has been provided to the school community via this newsletter (18 February 2021), email and social media. Please feel free to attend the SGM, or provide your written feedback to [turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com).

A copy of this notice will also be provided to Access Canberra ([accesscanberra.bil@act.gov.au](mailto:accesscanberra.bil@act.gov.au)).

Regards

**Nathan Richards | Turner School P&C President | [turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com)**

## Legislative Assembly - Call for Feedback

The Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion has commenced a new inquiry into the management of infrastructure in ACT schools.

The Committee is interested in understanding the current state of school infrastructure in the ACT and how this can be improved.

The Inquiry will look into a wide range of matters which can be found at [https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/1696407/ToR-ECI-ACT-school-infrastructure.pdf](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1696407/ToR-ECI-ACT-school-infrastructure.pdf)

If you would like the P&C to comment on your behalf, please send through your thoughts to [turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com) and include your name and contact details.

The full terms of reference can be accessed [here](#). If you would like to respond individually you can email them directly to [LACommitteeECI@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:LACommitteeECI@parliament.act.gov.au)

## Reading Workshop for Turner Parents/Carers and Classroom Volunteers

If you are already helping, or would like to help with reading in classrooms OR if you would like to know more about supporting reading at home, please come along.

**Thursday 11 March 2021: 9:00 –11:00am repeated at 5:30-7:30pm**

Held in the Library.

Parents, grandparents, carers, guardians and volunteers all welcome.

Participants will receive their own resources and access to Turner resources on our website

It is important children receive consistent messages about reading.

This workshop will provide insights into the reading process and the strategies we use to support readers.



Please RSVP <https://forms.gle/8xKTjfDtvZxdgcF6A> or call the the school office on 61422430.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

# Turner School Notices

Wednesday  
24 February  
2:10pm  
Senior Assembly



Wednesday  
24 February  
6:30pm  
Board Meeting Election



## School Photos

Monday 1 March  
Start of week Preschool Photos  
Thursday 4 March  
End of week Preschool Photos

Wednesday 3 March  
K to 6 Photo Day.

*Notes will follow shortly.*



## Friday Lunch Orders

Orders need to be in **before 8am** on Friday morning.  
There are no sales on the day.

Jamie Todling is the Lunch Order Coordinator. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Jamie on 0438334836.



# Community Notices

Canberra families  
**RIDE WITH YOUR TRIBE**  
at the Big Canberra Bike Ride

Sunday  
21 March



6km course is  
entirely on  
closed roads



Register at - [www.bigcanberrabikeride.org](http://www.bigcanberrabikeride.org)



**UNI-NORTHS OWLS RUGBY CANBERRA**

**Play Rugby in 2021**  
U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls  
Training – Southwell Park Lyneham

**Registrations online**

For more information and to register  
[www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](http://www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)  
or  
Uni-Norths Juniors Rugby Union Club

Any queries please email  
[info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](mailto:info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)

## Remember to STOP for our supervisor

A school crossing supervisor is supporting our school each morning and afternoon to increase safety for children. Please support this initiative by driving safely near the school and encouraging children to use the supervised crossing.

Our crossing supervisor is responsible for controlling a busy environment, which includes managing the flow of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists during peak times. It is important for motorists to drive at a speed which allows them to safely stop when the supervisor enters the road. Please be patient and allow the crossing supervisor and other pedestrians to safely clear the road prior to proceeding.

The school community is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the basic crossing supervisor procedures:

- The supervisor will ask pedestrians to wait in a safe location by the side of the road
- When it is safe, the supervisor will stop traffic
- The supervisor will blow their whistle twice to indicate it is safe to cross.

The School Crossing Supervisor program is delivered by Transport Canberra and City Services' [School Safety Program](#).

If you have any feedback about the program, please contact TCCS. Please be patient, polite and respectful to our supervisor, they are committed to keeping our students safe.



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